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Al Chindus, the Priest-A Supernatural Experience.

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fearfully; it was soft as the flesh of a living creature, and had the look and color of life. Never had I realized that a body could be preserved in so marvelous a manner. On a closer examination I found that, unlike most of the Egyptian mummies, the body had not been disfigured in any way. It was intact, as it had been in life.

I was alone, with the exception of servants, in a little house on the borders of the desert, and it was late a to wrap me round, and I felt an un-usual sensation of fear and trembling expectation. I would have rushed away from it all if I could, but it was too late. I must go through with it

Nerving myself to the effort, searched for the papers, and drew forth at last, not only the modern documents of which I was in search, and which had evidently been slipped just under the lid, but an ancient papyrus as well that lay under the dead man's hand. and which I examined eagerly. It was written in bold Hieratic writing, and was of considerablee length, but I had

Then, unable to bear that terrible look. I sank to the floor with a low man, and covered my face with my hands.

All that I had heard and read of the power of the "Evil Eye" was now brought home to me for the first time. I realized that a glance may strike like a blow, may penetrate to the heart of one's being like a virulent poison, robbing one of all strength to resist. I grew sick with fear, I who was no tyro in the world of évil, and trembled like a child. Al Chindus had the fattal "double pupil," which from time immemorial has been recognized as giving a baleful power to the eye, and in his life he must have cultivated this power until it had become a deadiy weapon. bringing death and disaster where it fell. It was the essence of evil and could strike with more fatal effect than any weapon made by man. A weaker nature than mine would have hopeless ly succumbed, but I was protected to a certain extent by the life I had led. Presently a voice sounded in the silence, a voice that seemed to come from my own lips, and yet whose every tone was unfamiliar to me, and it spoke of things of which I knew naught.

Thave become a power in the land.

The power of the "Evil Eye and is baffled at every step, will be a long-drawn-dut gay of his balm to my wound is balm to my wound is baffled at every step, will be a long-drawn-dut gay of his balm to my wound is baffled at every step, will be a long-drawn-dut gay on this too consume me.

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MAVE only had one supernatural over. Who had ever heard of such a experience in my life, but that was a terrible one, which I am thing coming to pass? I was unnerved by my strange surroundings; the mysterious atmosphere of this old land had terribus atmosphere of this old land had before. Sweet, pure face, with the deep dark eyes—like black pools on which the sun shines—and hair the color of night. Her hands are slender and white as the pools of this old land had before. The whole plan lies clearly before the property of the pools of the property of the pools of this old land had been supernatural over. Who had ever heard of such a sweet, pure face, with the deep dark eyes—like black pools on which the sun shines—and hair the color of night. Her hands are slender and white as the pools of the property o

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Though he is wise in all the hidden how he and she must make merry over ways of nature, he affects to work for the way they fooled me; such a simple good rather than evil; he will have no dealings with the powers of darness, than I would have been on his guard.' Except to frustrate their designs. More wes of considerable length, but I had mas of considerable length, but I had mass of the length of the service of the gods and rarely venture o

as much in her sufferings as he would in his own. And she is not out of my reach; she is too frail to resist my wid.

She is jealously guarded, but I can has bowed the heads of men as the wait, and to the watcher who has pactorn is bowed by the wind—can have will have such a revenge as never mar its full maturity.

"But I need speculate no longer; my

I cannot strike Amasis except through labor. I shall lie in the state that befits the woman he loves, but that is the my rank and greatness. I neither resurest way. He will suffer ten times pine nor struggle; I know it would be finished forever with its human habita-tion, which has been cut down while in

doubts and wonder will all be made clear soon. I have shut myself up in the Temple. I would not that Amasis

terious way it had impressed itself or me-the first to look on his face when the coffin-lid was raised after that ancient tragedy-and I could read his secret thoughts and speak them aloud as though I were reading from a book Or was the old tradition a truth, and had life really come back and died out again while I cowered helpless and afraid? Was it he who had spoken, the man who had been dead 3,000 years and had death sealed his lips again when he had confessed his misdeeds? I could not tell. I could only ask and ask, and there was no one to answer For Al Chindus never moved nor spoke or betrayed the slightest sign of ani-mation, even when I ventured closes to study his wonderful face. If, indeed the spirit had returned to that quie figure, it was gone again forever, did not speak of what had passed be tween him and me; it was too strange a story to tell. Who would have listened to it with believing ears? are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy. However the mystery might be ex-

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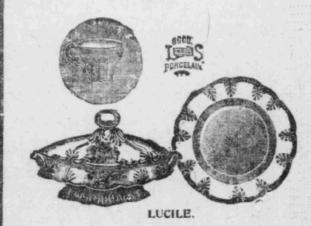
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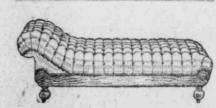
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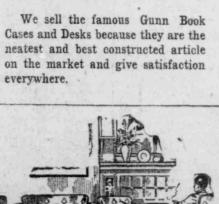
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